

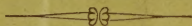
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REPORTS
OF THE SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1873.



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REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN OF CHESTERFIELD.

Receipts on account of

Town tax, 1869,	\$48 00	
Interest on taxes, 1869,	17 17	
Town tax, 1870,	12 13	
Town tax, 1871,	948 64—	\$1,025 94
Assessments for the year 1872,		6,986 69
State of N. H. Bonds,		7,416 67
Interest on State bonds,		243 18
Loans for use of Town,		1,105 50
County pauper claims,		171 07
For use of Town Hall,		43 38
Interest,		1 00
Savings Bank tax,		434 13
Railroad tax,		14 13
Literary fund,		92 75
For plank,		1 08
One old stove,		2 47
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		\$17,537 99

Payments,

ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN DEBTS.

Town notes,	\$9,190 25	
Town bonds,	220 00	
Interest on Town bonds,	145 20—	\$9,555 45

Town Paupers.

For Humphrey G. Albee,	15 00	
“ Mrs. Wetherbee,	74 50	
“ Russell Farr, support in 1871,	10 00	
“ John Black,	104 00	
“ Luther Streeter,	13 12	
“ John Kelley,	2 10—	\$218 72

County Paupers.

For Charles Smith,	156 00
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Roads and Bridges.

For Bridge plank and timber,	90 59	
“ Labor,	161 66—	\$252 25

Town Officers.

For services of Selectmen,	\$170 00	
“ “ “ Collector of taxes,	50 00	
“ “ “ Supt. School Committee,	40 00	
“ “ “ Town Treasurer,	25 00	
“ “ “ Town Clerk,	35 00	
“ “ “ Moderator,	2 00—	\$322 00

Town House.

For ringing bell and care of house,	\$15 00	
“ Oil, Wood and Repairs,	17 37—	\$32 37

School Districts.

No. 1,	\$165 01	
2,	123 50	
3,	96 30	
4,	102 91	
5,	160 95	
6,	96 99	
7,	110 32	
8,	95 60	
9,	105 74	
10,	137 48	
11,	89 35	
12,	83 64	
13,	193 98	
14,	86 61	
15,	72 57—	\$1,720 95

Miscellaneous.

Stationery and postage,	\$6 21	
Record of births and deaths,	10 25	
Services of Agent with hearse,	19 50	
Damage done by dogs,	20 00	
County tax,	1,142 37	
State tax,	1,248 00	
Non-resident highway receipts,	17 15	
Discount on taxes paid prior to Oct. 6,	284 44	
Expenses on pauper business and team work,	56 75	

Repairing Hearse,	25 00	
Repairing Common,	24 00	
Check lists, 50 copies,	8 00	
Express on State Bonds,	3 20	
One Trunk,	1 40	
T. N. Robertson, for surveying,	3 00	
Abatement of taxes,	2 00	
One Ox Shovel,	9 50	
Repairing Ox Shovel,	25	
Town Reports for 1871,	15 00	
Amos F. Thomas, money refunded for use of Hearse,	2 00	
Due on tax book for 1872,	1,358 22	
State bonds in the Treasury,	1,000 00	
Cash in the Treasury,	24 01—	\$17,537 99

State of the Treasury, March 1, 1873.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes payable,	\$6,838 99	
Town bonds,	2,249 50	
Dog tax money,	83 00—	\$9,171 49

ASSETS.

Tax bill 1867,	5 97	
“ 1869,	2 10	
“ 1870.	9 40	
“ 1871,	10 81	
“ 1872,	1,358 22	
State bonds in the Treasury,	1,000 00	
Cash in the Treasury,	24 01—	\$2,410 51
Town indebtedness,		\$6,760 98

Estimated Expenses for 1873.

State tax,	2,112 00	
County tax,	946 84	
Schools,	1,539 00	
Town charges,	1,200 00	
Interest on debt,	533 28	
Town bond	220 00—	\$6,551 12

Respectfully submitted,

MURRAY DAVIS,	} Selectmen of Chesterfield.
JAMES H. GOODRICH,	
AMOS R. HUBBARD.	

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The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury for the month of March, 1873, as reported by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

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Report of Schools in Chesterfield.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

In my report I will aim to make our schools appear on paper no better than they appear on review in the school room. I will try to state only what accords with truth, and neither commend nor chide unjustly.

Each school in order:

DISTRICT No. 1. The first term of this school, in the trust of a young teacher, Miss E. Smith, closed pleasantly and honorably to teacher and pupils.

Second term, not yet closed. It began in full hope, and is proceeding prosperously, in the trust of Mr. G. F. Burnham, a former teacher.

No. 2. This school, in the care of Miss E. J. Barrett, was well instructed, and closed pleasantly.

Second term. Miss S. L. Lane has charge of this term. Faithfully instructed and closed pleasantly. More vivacity and voice, in both these teachers, would increase their ability.

No. 3. Miss E. Wheeler, an experienced teacher, gave good satisfaction to the district and your committee.

Second term. Miss F. A. Hubbard had charge of the school this term. At the close, there was evidence that the classes had been skillfully and faithfully instructed.

No. 4. Miss K. L. Thomas had charge of this school both terms, and with good success. Some good material here, and well worked.

No. 5. Miss F. A. Hubbard taught this school, first term. The register shows that it was hard to keep some of the members on the line of duty, yet the term closed with some happy marks of improvement.

Second term. Mr. E. R. Campbell had charge of the school. The examination showed considerable improvement in some of

the classes. Mr. C. tried hard to be useful, and he was so. If he erred, it was in too much kindness to careless transgressors.

No. 6. Miss H. Woodbury had charge of this school. A youthful teacher, and might have been useful at the head of some other school, in her first experiment.

Second term. Miss F. Hubbard taught the second term. Under careful teaching and wholesome restraint, improvement was commendable in the school, this term.

No. 7. Miss S. L. Lane did her best endeavor to instruct and govern this school (of too free ideas.) Improvement was manifest in some of the classes.

Second term. Miss K. S. Lombard made her first experiment in this school, where is some good material that *needs* to be *well worked*. Some marks of improvement at the close. One thing *needful* in this district, is a hearty co-operation of all the parents with some *experienced, soul-stirring teacher*, who shall teach the scholars how to study, and how to ———

No. 8. Miss K. C. Reed did the work of teaching this school. Good reading, good writing, and good recitations chiefly.

Second term. Miss Alice Holman took charge of the school this term. Improvement ditto of the other term.

No. 9. Miss A. Harris was the teacher this term. Promptness and accuracy marked all the exercises at the close, in a high degree.

Second term was in the hands of Mr. E. A. Paul. Of the interest and improvement, I would say ditto of the first term, —in a high degree excellent.

No. 10. The school was in the care of Miss E. Wheeler, an experienced teacher. Instruction faithful, improvement good.

Second term is yet in session, in charge of Miss A. Holman. Well organized, and a good prospect of success.

No. 11. Miss L. J. Randall taught this school. At the close, recitations were prompt and accurate.

Second term. Miss C. E. Bennett was the guide of this little band of scholars, and was useful to them. They showed some pleasure in their increase of knowledge.

No. 12. The first and second term was in trust of Miss G.

E. Robertson, who helped this little school along in their studies pleasantly and profitably.

No. 13. This school, in charge of Miss L. A. Hamilton, promised well at my first visit. I was unable to be present at the close. Hence I cannot speak of the improvement, except by *marks* in the register. *These* give credit to *every scholar alike*, on the highest scale of perfection, in conduct and scholarship! If we *rely* upon this estimate as correct, in a school of 40 scholars, it is an equality rare to be found in all the land!

Second term in care of Miss A. T. Harris. The prompt and accurate recitations at the examination, were marks of diligent study and faithful and energetic instruction given.

Primary department, this term, was in care of Miss L. Hamilton. The reading, recitation, and declamations of this thrifty branch of the school, were very good, with little exception. A mark of painstaking by their teacher.

No. 14. This school was taught by Miss E. Henry. The term closed with evidence of interest and fidelity, on the part of both teacher and scholars.

Second term, taught by Miss A. A. Wheelock. This school appeared well organized at the beginning, and was generally well reported of in the district. I was providentially prevented from a closing visit.

No. 15. Summer term taught by Miss A. M. Holman. Closed prosperously. Some good readers in this school, because the teacher knew herself how to read correctly.

Second term in care of Miss E. Henry. Began in hope, and closed in prosperity. The pupils knew what they had studied and learned.

CONCLUSION.

Our schools have been chiefly in charge of good and efficient teachers, and have made honorable improvement. *A few*, only, have done little more than to keep along with the time, and hold their own. These have seemed to paddle on surface water, against too many cross currents and head winds, to sail into joyful harbor. One cross current in a few cases, has been found in teachers who lacked suitable zeal and interest in their em-

ployment. Careless scholars were left to choose their own ways.

Another cross current: A number of our *winter* schools are seriously injured by the prevailing passion for evening entertainments during the term of school. This is a standing evil, to be avoided by those that would be wise. By not a few scholars, the day previous is craved as a day of *preparation*; and the *day following* is chiefly taken up reviewing the bright vision of the *night previous*; while the graver studies of the school room linger below quarter deck, to come up afterwards.

If such entertainments could be induced to wait their turn, and not intrude upon "*school time*," many of the rising race would be better educated, and fewer left to cheat themselves and "mourn at the last."

Parents and Guardians, we wait your advice.

A HINT TO DISTRICT AGENTS.

Some few houses have a reasonable claim for repairs. Nos. ten and eleven, four, six and seven have doors that will not obey their latches and hinges.

Respectfully submitted by your Superintending School Committee.

J. HALL.

Chesterfield, March 1873.

